

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, lines 2-4: change to read as follows;

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

The present invention concerns a  
variable dashpot for motor vehicles.

Page 2, lines 1-4: cancel these lines in their entirety  
after line 14: insert:

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

Page 3, line 1: insert:

**DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS**